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Harmon C. McAllister, Jr., Ph.D.
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The Council for Tobacco Research-USA, Inc.
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Dear Dr. McAllister:

I am currently finalizing plans for the 1991 Gordon Research Conference on Hormonal Carcinogenesis. This conference is a major on-going meeting that focuses on the role of hormones in prevalent human diseases such as prostate, breast and endometrial cancers. A program outline of this year's meeting is enclosed for your information.

I am writing to ask if The Council for Tobacco Research would be willing to provide a small amount of support for this meeting. I have submitted major grant proposals to fund the meeting, and I expect that the quality of the speakers and the importance of the topic will insure good priority scores. Nevertheless, it is unrealistic to expect full support at the requested levels in the current funding climate. In particular, any funding cuts will mean that the conference cannot provide travel support to entry level faculty/scientists, postdoctorals, and graduate students. This would be a very sad situation, since the Gordon Conferences have traditionally been key meeting places for our young colleagues and senior established scientists. This interaction between generations of scientists is absolutely essential to maximize future progress.

Consequently, I am writing to ask for The Council for Tobacco Research's support. While any support would be greatly appreciated, travel costs are generally \$500-\$750, and I am hoping that each of the companies/foundations I am contacting would be able to provide such support for one junior colleague. If you are able to assist, please make support payable to "GRC on Hormonal Carcinogenesis" and state in an accompanying letter to me that your support is for the Chairman's Special Fund. If your office is unable to provide such support directly, kindly forward this letter to the person in your organization who handles such requests. Naturally, I will be happy to answer any questions you may have or to provide additional information.

Thank you for your consideration and best regards.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "George M. Stancel".

George M. Stancel, Ph.D.
Professor and Interim Chairman,
and Chairman, 1991 Gordon Research
Conference on Hormonal Carcinogenesis